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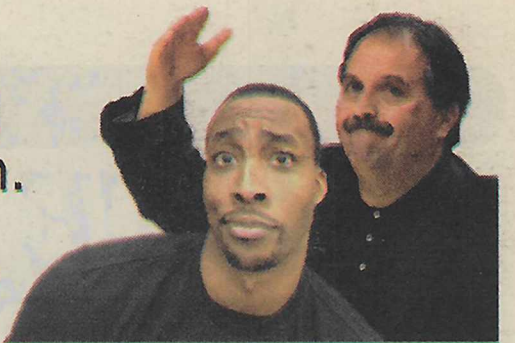
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## Suffolk residence halls ranked 6th most expensive in country



Photo courtesy of Suffolk University Public Affairs

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Suffolk's residence halls, located in prime real estate locations in Downtown Boston and Beacon Hill, are the sixth most expensive in the country, according to *Campus Grotto*.

At an average of \$14,624 for housing and meal plan costs per academic year, Suffolk is thousands above the \$10,089 average cost for dorms at a private university and well over the \$8,889 average housing costs at public universities.

"I want to stress that

housing costs have been kept flat for the past two years in a row," said Greg Gatlin, interim vice president of marketing and communications. "President McCarthy has made it a priority to keep costs in line, starting with our lowest tuition cost raise in 36 years," Gatlin said.

Suffolk does not ever require students to live on campus like other schools can, but also does not allow students to stay on campus past their sophomore year. This provides both great opportunities and drawbacks for students, depending on their personal

choice and financial situations. While most freshmen spend a lot to live on campus for their first year, many sophomores decide to move away from the expensive dorms to cut costs.

"Financial aid is doing everything they can to keep Suffolk accessible to people of all income levels," Gatlin said when asked how students should deal with expensive housing.

"It's been hard," a freshman resident of 150 Tremont, who preferred not to be

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## McCarthy discusses 'strategic planning' in second town hall

Ethan M. Long  
Journal Staff

April 5, 2012."

Suffolk President James McCarthy announced the kickoff of the university's strategic planning process at his second town hall meeting, which took place in the C. Walsh Theater on Thursday.

With a packed room and at least 200 viewers watching on a Livestream.com feed, McCarthy presented the current state of the process, the members chosen for committee, as well as possible goals the committee could set for the university's future. As the room quieted, McCarthy took to the stage in front of a screen displaying a PowerPoint presentation which read "Strategic Plan 2012-2017. Launch:

The university is currently in the process of accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) which makes the strategic planning process critical. According to a letter by McCarthy posted online, the data will be utilized to "inform the various NEASC committees, we will make sure to intentionally coordinate our efforts at critical milestones."

The president's presentation continued with the announcement of the committee co-chairs—Danielle Manning, Vice President of Finance and Treasurer, Sheila Webber, professor and Chair of the Management Department,

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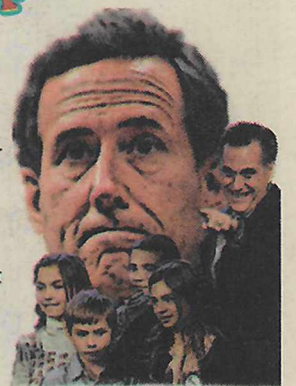
## Election 2012 Update

Former Senator Rick Santorum, Mitt Romney's main conservative rival, announced yesterday that he's dropping out of the race for the GOP nomination, cementing Romney's chances of facing Barack Obama in the general election.

Santorum, considered a long shot candidate, made it further in the race than most pundits expected, outlasting a slew of other rivals looking to be the conservative alternative to Romney.

Originally, Santorum had vowed to stay in the race at least through the April 24 primary in his home state of Pennsylvania, but reevaluated that decision after his three-year-old daughter Bella, who suffers from a rare genetic condition, spent the weekend in the hospital.

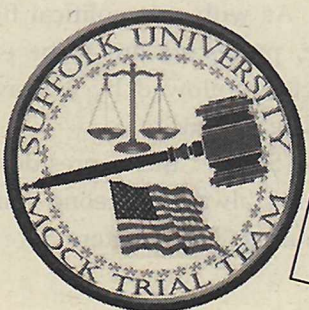
"We made a decision over the weekend, that while this presidential race for us is over, for me, and we will suspend our campaign today, we are not done fighting," to defeat Obama, said Santorum standing with his family on front of supporters.



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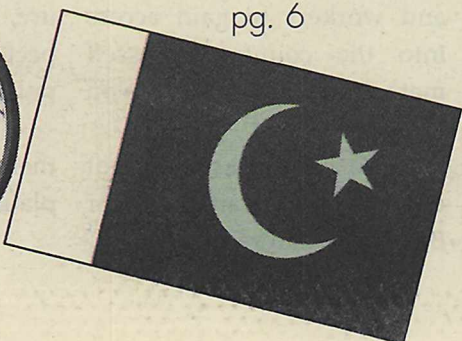
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# POLICE BLOTTER

Wednesday, April 4

6:20 p.m.

73 Tremont

Received a report of a larceny from 73 Tremont St. Report filed.

Thursday, April 5

3:49 p.m.

NESAD

Reports a past larceny at the NESAD building. Report filed.

4:38 p.m.

10 West

Report of harassment at 10 West Street. Report filed.

5:38 p.m.

150 Tremont

Larceny report at 150 Tremont Street. Report filed.

7:44 p.m.

Sawyer Building

Smoke alarm sounding at Sawyer Building. Report filed.

9:18 p.m.

10 Somerset

Odor of marijuana at 10 Somerset Street. Report filed.

Saturday, April 7

12:47 p.m.

10 West

Student Infraction at 10 West Street. Report filed.

11:23 p.m.

10 West

Report of a smell a marijuana at 10 West St. Report filed.

Sunday, April 8

3:00 a.m.

150 Tremont

Vandalism report at 150 Tremont Street. Report filed.

## President of Brazil arrives on Beacon Hill to fanfare and protest

Ethan M. Long  
Journal Staff

Hundreds of spectators lined the barricaded sidewalks and steps in front of the Massachusetts State House yesterday welcoming Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff to the Commonwealth as her motorcade drove through the city and up Park Street around 12:30 p.m.

gathering thoughts about the President's visit.

"Well she stopped at MIT because they're working on the subway for Sao Paulo," said Gary Dotterman, who currently lives in Brazil. "She's speaking at Harvard and she's going to be greeting the Governor and probably the legislature here." Rousseff's visit to MIT comes a year after The Brazil-MIT Fo-

ed States," said Obama, according to *The Hill*.

Dias spoke shortly before the motorcade sirens sounded from around the corner.

"We have a big population in the U.S.A.," Dias said, while noting that there are many in the United States who are living here illegally. "At the same time, we have a lot of legal [immigrants] come here, stay here, and bring a lot



Photo by Ethan M. Long

Making various stops in Boston and Cambridge, Rousseff's visit is due in part to Governor Deval Patrick's 10-day trip to South America, in December, where he announced that an agreement had been made for close-linked studies to be done between UMass Amherst's Agricultural researchers and their counterparts in Brazil.

Crowds chanting "We Love You!" drowned out the yells of protesters from various organizations who held up signs. One of these organizations was a sect of Occupy Boston, Occupy the MBTA, who had set up "Camp Charlie" to protest the MBTA service cuts and fare hikes. On Monday night around 9:30 p.m., the Secret Service and State Police took control of the surrounding area, including the front of the State House where the occupiers had planned to stay until April 14. They are expected to be able to re-occupy the space after the President's visit.

The *Journal* spoke with some welcomers in the crowd,

rum, a two-day event of collaboration between MIT and Brazil's top innovators.

According to *The Associated Press*, Rousseff announced a new collaboration between the country and the school which would increase the amount of exchange students, while also beginning a new partnership between the MIT School of Engineering and the Instituto Tecnológico de Aeronáutica (ITA) based out of Sao Paulo. This agreement is in hopes of innovative growth in the country.

Geraldo Dias mentioned that Rousseff will most likely have a few talking points with politicians, including the telecommunications system in place as well as the VISA Waiver Program (VWP) which is currently in the works. The VWP would make it much easier for tourists and workers to gain access into the country. Rousseff met with President Obama on Monday.

"We have drastically cut down on visa wait times for Brazilian visitors to the Unit-

of money to the U.S.A. — and finally they opened the doors to us."

Another protest group present was Brazil Police Watch, a watchdog group started due to the death of one of the organization's founder's family members at the hands of a Rio De Janeiro Police Officer. Their poster featured the slogan "Don't Kill For Me— Safe games for all!" with a picture of a soccer player and the Olympic logo. The Olympic games will take place in Brazil in 2016 with the FIFA World Cup preceding it in 2014.

No matter how loud the protestors were screaming, their voices were drowned out as the entire crowd began to sing Brazil's National Anthem, Hino Nacional Brasileiro, while Rousseff walked up the State House steps.

As with any political figure, protestors are to be expected, followed by a heavy police presence.

"She's the president, there's always someone complaining," said Dotterman.



# SU Mock Trial makes it to Nationals

Melissa Hanson  
Journal Staff

Suffolk's own student-run Mock Trial team has gone to the American Mock Trial Association's Nationals for the first time in recent history, participating in the competition hosted by Pace University in White Plains, New York from on March 10 and 11.

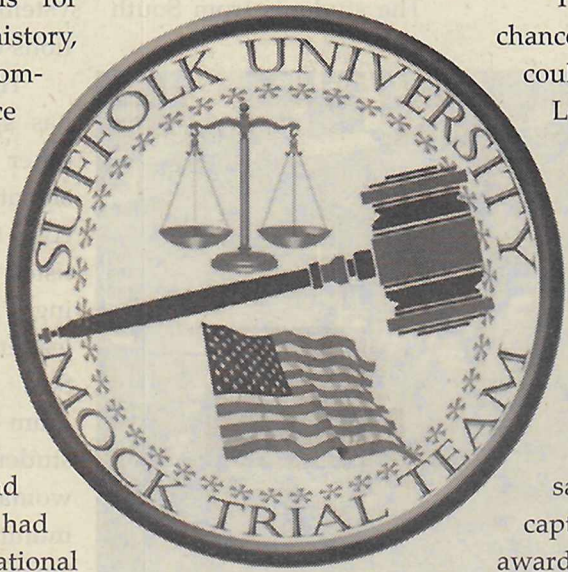
The team has been an official organization for seven years, finally reaching their goal of making the opening round of nationals. The team had to score high in invitational competitions and regional competitions, where they proved they had the skills to participate at the national level.

"We did the best all year," said team Vice President and Co-captain Huy Le, senior, on their participation at Nationals. "We finally jived as a team."

Le described the competition as a "battle with evidence." The Mock Trial team has seven competitive members who went to New York. To receive an invitation to Nationals, teams must place well at the Regional competitions. Each opening round of Nationals has 24 teams from different colleges compete against one another, and in order to continue to the final round of Nationals, teams must place in one of the top

six spots.

Unfortunately, Suffolk's Mock Trial team did not make it past the first round, but their initial goal was accomplished.



"The team did such an amazing job," said President and Co-captain James Duffy. "It was so satisfying to see all their hard work pay off against the best programs in the country."

All of the 24 teams Suffolk competed against in the opening round were from the Northeast region. From there, the team created trials and needed their witnesses, lawyers, and attorneys to match the trials of the other teams in the first round, especially the Ivy League schools. The team noticed that the judges were impressed with the skill level of Suffolk's team, but were not suited to their Boston accents, according to Le. There were members of the team who could play the parts of attorneys and witnesses so

well, according to Le. The team got erratic scores from judges, but overall did well; the judges were very impressed by the performances of the witnesses.

"I thought we had a good chance, I was confident we could go against the Ivy Leagues," said Le.

The competition was very difficult according to the team, but they surpassed all their expectations and were pleased with their performance. "We came out with guns blazing," said Le, who as team captain is pleased about the awards the team has won this year at various competitions. Senior James Duffy has won four "Best Attorney" awards for his performance as the Mock Trial attorney and senior Megan Dutra was awarded "Best Witness." Freshman Ben Chertok will be president of the club next year. The Mock Trial team is also nominated for Most Outstanding Club as well as the Most Improved Club.

"I am really proud of us for getting all the way to nationals," said Chertok.

The Mock Trial team is now looking to recruit members for next year. They are looking for committed members who are ready to enter tough and competitive trials.

"Suffolk was awarded in both categories and definitely put us on the map with returning winners," said Dutra.

## Suffolk dorms among most expensive in country

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named since she is a work-study at the school, said about the high cost of her dorm, "It's been a struggle for me to pay for school this year because of the high housing costs."

"We're aware of the burden costs place on students and their families, and we are doing everything we can to keep them low," Gatlin said. "Housing costs are a function of the real estate market and rising costs in general, like in energy and labor," he added.

Gatlin also commented that our buildings are relatively new, another big contributing factor to high costs.

Todd Phataraprasit, a freshman resident at Miller Hall, said that the steep price of Suffolk dorms may be worth it as they are "a lot nicer than most schools dorms," noting especially that the bathrooms are kept clean and the rooms are adequate. But for the amount he pays, Todd said, "the food could be better with a wider selection of choices." Freshman Miller Hall resident Brian O agreed, "definitely the food options and facilities could be improved."

Notably, Suffolk's Boston neighbors at Emerson College did not make the top 20 list of most expensive dorms. With dorms built in the same area as Suffolk's campus, Emerson has been able to keep their housing costs lower. When asked about this discrepancy, Gatlin said he could not comment on the finances of other universities, but stressed, "the reality is that with this location, costs are going to be high."

"We have state-of-the-art housing facilities and one of the best locations in downtown Boston, with our central location," Gatlin said, "students often comment to us about how they enjoy our incredible location."



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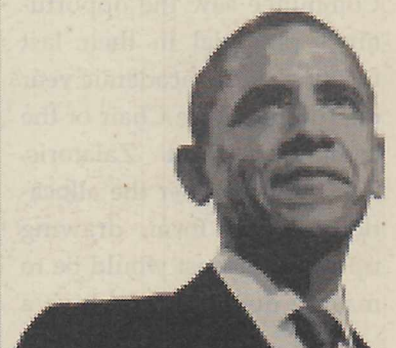


Photo courtesy of Suffolk University Mock Trial Team



# The Journey is Suffolk's hands on experience

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Journal Staff

"It's all about learning by doing," Dave DeAngelis, director of Student Leadership and Involvement at Suffolk, said of the Journey leadership program. The four-tier program is designed to complement skills students are learning in class by rewarding and adding to their leadership experiences.

"[The Journey] is a great way to recognize students who are already involved in leadership and also give less involved students a chance to get involved," said junior and third tier participant, Christina Webster.

The Journey program was developed four years ago to "contribute to holistic education, inside and outside the classroom," DeAngelis said. "We saw leadership happening all around Suffolk," he explained, "whether it's students writing for the newspaper, an RA working at a dorm, or classmates collaborating on group projects."

The program features four levels, discovery, explorer, challenger, and pathfinder, respectively, to facilitate students' learning about "the self and others and ultimately to be engaged in society," said DeAngelis.

The discovery level of the program is an "emerging" stage of the Journey that helps students develop "visions of themselves," DeAngelis explained. It's a time

for students to self-guide and "determine what they want, areas they are passionate about and want to be involved with, not [the program] saying you need to do this or you need to attend that."

In the first level, students receive stars for engaging with the Suffolk community through participation in clubs and attending events. Once they reach 10 stars, they advance to the explorer level.

The second level begins to engage students in teamwork and cooperating with others after they have successfully discovered the strengths of their individual self. Discovery features outdoor activities, most recently a trip to Bretton Woods that brought the Journey students together.

"Some of my best friends are Journey members," Webster said. While she believes there is great leadership at Suffolk, she said that Journey motivated her to become more involved on campus. "Journey goes a step beyond everything else," she said.

The third stage of the Journey, Challenger, features the Winter Leadership Week in which students travel to Florida. This stage serves as a continuation of the teamwork skills learned in the explorer tier but pushes student teamwork even further than your typical outdoor excursion.

In Florida, "students have to work together while swimming with manatees," DeAngelis said. "We're all about experiential learning, but we're

also about fun," he added. On the trip, students also interact with other student leaders from area institutions, like the University of Southern Florida. "This third tier is about learning about how others interact. Meeting with other groups allows students to see the differences," he said.

all their leadership skills and continue their experiential learning. "We pair up with another institution to focus on a specific issue. This year we went to the University of South Carolina at Aiken to focus on education issues," said DeAngelis.

The students from South

as he spoke about the many things students learned on their trip.

The Journey program also took students to Ireland over spring break, allowing them to visit five Irish institutions of higher education and learn about how their education system and student organizations work.

The Journey program has sponsored an array of other events related to the signature experiences of the core four-tiers. DeAngelis listed among them a meeting with CEOs and business leaders related to the Red Sox, a LeadHERship program that matched female students with prominent woman leaders in the community, and an event with a Suffolk alum who started the company Jiffy Lube and now operates an F1 racing track.

"I feel like I've gotten a lot out of the program," Webster said, "it goes along with what you're doing already and motivates you to do more." Polito had similar feelings about the program, adding that it "helps you prepare not only for what you're doing now, but also a taste of your future and learning to give back through service."

The Journey program will hold an awards night on Thursday, April 19 at the Law School Function Room at 7 p.m. to honor its members as they have completed another level of the program and ascend to the next stage in the Fall.



Photo courtesy of Student Leadership and Involvement

Helaina Polito, a junior and third tier Journey member who went on the trip to Florida, believes that the trip truly helps with team building and understanding how to work with others. Swimming with the manatees "gets everyone out of their comfort zone," she said, "it forces you to work together."

Finally, the pathfinder stage of the program is an outlet for students to "implement change" based off their three previous tiers of experience. A leadership exchange allows students to engage with other students from around the country to apply

Carolina came to Suffolk earlier this year to talk about education issues, meet with the Massachusetts Teacher's Association, and also participate in fun tourist activities. The same basic plan was employed when Suffolk students just recently visited South Carolina. DeAngelis said that students were able to meet with teacher's associations there and learned about public education. "Seventy-six percent of the students at a school we visited were sent home with food on Fridays for the weekend because their parents can't afford to feed them," DeAngelis explained

## SGA passes doughnut machine resolution

Derek Anderson  
Journal Staff

Suffolk University is getting a doughnut machine. Yes, a doughnut machine. And it's for everyone.

Originally starting as a joke, the Student Government Association (SGA) Financial Committee saw the opportunity's potential in their last meeting of the academic year on Tuesday. Vice Chair of the committee Scott Zalatoris, 2012, put together the allocation request form, drawing up what the cost would be to make a doughnut machine a

reality for student use.

In Zalatoris' presentation to the committee, he said the real reason behind the machine was to improve "morale" and "community" at Suffolk.

"The real way you get people out to events is through food," said Zalatoris. "If you offer someone free food, they'll absolutely come out."

He also made the point that the school already has a popcorn machine, commonly used at large student group events such as the upcoming and annual Ramily Reunion.

"Jokes aside, food gets people to participate in group events and organizations," said Zalatoris. "Plus, [the doughnuts] are not deep fried, they're baked."

Between the State Fair brand mini doughnut oven itself, a mini freezer to store the ingredients and food in, as well as an order of doughnuts to start the school off, the whole kit-and-caboodle will cost about \$900. The motion to get the new machine passed with a large support of 6 - 1 - 1 vote.

Since the approval of the machine yesterday, the hope

is to get it to Suffolk by the end of April. The funds will be transferred to Student Leadership and Involvement (SLI) by the end of the week, and the order will be placed after.

"We can keep using it year after year after year," said Zalatoris. "We can put the money down now, and we can control it and we can operate it. It cuts down the cost [in the long run]."

Overall, there is a lot of excitement behind the idea turning into a reality. When asked if he was looking forward to the machine, Zalato-

ris said, "Absolutely!"

"We've done a lot on the finance committee this year," he said. "We've really seen people take an interest in student groups."

This doughnut machine will further that interest, he said. Student groups are expected to be able to sign out the machine for group events through SLI once it arrives on campus.

"It's something that's different," said Zalatoris. "It's just pretty darn cool."



# 'Strategic plan' kicks off this month

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and Alceste Pappas, Consultant from the Pappas Group – who “has been involved at Suffolk for the past couple of months,” according to McCarthy. “They’ve compiled a great amount of data.” He added that the co-chairs were selected based on their ability to develop a quality product on time.

McCarthy went to the next slide, announcing the entire committee. It will include three members of faculty from the Law School, Sawyer Business School, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the administration, respectively. Also on the committee will be student representatives from the undergrad, graduate, and law programs, since, according to McCarthy, the process must be “relevant and student-centered.”

McCarthy then went on

comments on the university's website giving the committee an idea of “what they really think about the present and the future of Suffolk University,” according to McCarthy, who pledged transparency. “Nothing is going to be hidden in this process at all.”

And with the process of transparency, McCarthy stated that he will attend the first meeting on April 13, but will let the committee be in charge of what happens between then and the time they reveal the first draft of the plan.

With the school's location on Beacon Hill, McCarthy noted that he didn't have to go far in finding a good model for such a process, citing the Beacon Hill Civic Association's plan available on their website. He also used the State University of New York's plan from 2010. Both of the examples showed a set series of goals and aspirations,

gicplan.

During the question and answer session that followed the presentation, an inquiry was made regarding a search for a new provost and senior leadership team after the approaching departure of Provost Barry Brown this July. McCarthy first congratulated Brown on his appointment as president of Mount Ida College in Newton, saying “I am very glad for Barry, that he's got this great opportunity going for him.”

Continuing, the president told the audience that a national search for provost will begin shortly after graduation, with the call for a mostly committee, which faculty will begin a search just before Labor Day and the fall semester. The job description will call for someone who is “attentive to faculty, faculty development,” said McCarthy, going on to note that they must pay attention to students as well.

John Berg, professor in the Government Department, asked the final question of the session, stating that the sound of the Pappas Group's name was one that invoked the “image of a meat axe.” After the laughter calmed, McCarthy told those in attendance that he “arrived here with a collection of consultant reports,” and that “what Pappas is working on right now is taking the data and analysis in the reports.”

In an effort for transparency, the President assured that “you will all see the Pappas' reports.”

“We are all making decisions,” he continued, stating that Pappas merely makes recommendations, not actual decisions.

“I want to be very clear that these are my decisions. We can't say ‘Pappas made me do it.’”

At the end of the session, McCarthy announced that the next town hall meeting, currently unscheduled, will be the presentation of the budget.

## news BRIEFS

### Fenway celebrates 100 years

Called “The Cathedral of Boston” in the film *The Town*, Fenway Park is turning 100 years old this baseball season, with the official ceremony happening during the Red Sox April 20 game against their arch rivals—the New York Yankees. Both Boston and New York will take the field in throwback uniforms that day, to commemorate the April 20, 1912 meeting between the ‘Sox and then-New York Highlanders. Last Monday marked the century anniversary of the first ever game played at the historic ballpark, which featured Harvard University's baseball team in an exhibition bout against the Red Sox. Boston Mayor Tom Menino toured the stadium on April 9, taking the time to comment on this year's incarnation of his city's team's early struggles.

“First three games, we don't judge the season. We have a lot of games after this one. I'm just proud of what this old, beloved ballpark looks like today,” Menino told NECN.

### Reebok just does it, Nike sues

After the deal that sent Tim Tebow from the Denver Broncos to the New York Jets, Reebok attempted one last effort to capitalize on the captivating superstar's popularity before handing their NFL apparel rights to rival Nike by rushing out Jets shirts and jerseys featuring his name and number. Nike struck back by filing a lawsuit against their competitors, which Reebok recently decided wasn't worth going to court over, ridding stores of Tebow-themed apparel. While there have been no reports of money being involved in the settlement, the terms were made public Tuesday in papers filed to the U.S. District Court in Manhattan, New York.

Judge Kevin Castel who presided over the case, signed a settlement requiring Reebok to not only take their Tebow merchandise out of stores, but to buy back the shirts and jerseys from retailers. Nike spokeswoman Mary Remuzzi told *Sports Illustrated* that the Oregon based company was “Pleased to have reached a mutually agreeable solution.”

### More trouble for BU students

Upon arriving on scene to investigate an Alpha Epsilon Pi home in regards to a suspected party, Boston police found five students with their hands taped behind their backs, wearing only their underwear while kneeling on the basement floor. Chili sauce, honey, hot sauce, flour and empty sardine cans were just a few of the many condiments found poured on the bodies of the five men. Investigators are looking to charge the suspects with hazing, assault and battery, and failure to report hazing, according to officials.

According to the police report, “All five were shivering and had horrified and fearful looks on their faces.”

BU's dean of students, Kenneth Elmore, is taking these allegations very seriously, telling *The Boston Globe*, “If these allegations are true, I think those students should expect they will not be students at BU.”

A spokesman for the school told ABC News affiliate WCVB that the fraternity is not officially sanctioned and the university does not approve of the alleged behavior.

The Boston Police Department has sought criminal complaints against 14 suspects as of April 10.



Photo by Ethan M. Long

to talk about the tasks that lie ahead. “We have to make decisions about what we will do and what we won't do,” he said. “Everything we do has to be supported by data. Everything we do has to be addressed in the planning process.”

The strategic planning process is expected to help reduce costs at the university while also setting goals to move forward. “It's our duty to provide [the students] with an outstanding education,” said McCarthy.

With this announcement comes the promise that the entire Suffolk community will have their say, presenting their ideas and opinions. Faculty, staff, and students will be able to submit and view

which didn't seem to be too far overreaching. McCarthy noted that while there are many goals which the university should hope to achieve, a smaller set list of “big ideas” should be used for better focus. Some of the ideas presented for Suffolk included “developing and sustaining programs,” “recruiting a talented, diverse and global faculty, staff, and student body,” “seeking opportunities to unite the university's schools and colleges,” and “celebrating our location in Boston.”

McCarthy then wrapped the presentation up, telling the audience to “stay tuned, there will be a lot more information soon,” while encouraging all to keep a look on the website, [suffolk.edu/strategicplan](http://suffolk.edu/strategicplan).



## U.S. puts \$10 million bounty on alleged Pakistani militant

Alli Thibault  
Journal Staff

The U.S. government has placed a \$10 million bounty on Hafiz Saeed, a Pakistani suspected of masterminding the 2008 Mumbai bombings in India that killed 166 people. But the alleged militant isn't hiding from the public eye—in fact, the free man recently held a press conference in Pakistan less than an hour away from the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.

Saeed used the press conference to address the bounty by mocking America. He called the move by the U.S. a "laughable, absurd announcement" in front of the crowd of Pakistanis, according to *Reuters*. Although the U.S. considers Saeed a terrorist, and therefore justifies the bounty on the man, Saeed was released from house arrest in Pakistan in 2009, and has been completely cleared by Pakistani courts.

While \$10 million is a hefty sum, it doesn't seem

likely that any Pakistanis will aid the U.S. in their search for information leading to Saeed's arrest. Saeed is a former professor of Islamic studies and has a great amount of support among the Pakistani public for his outcry over the U.S.'s actions in Afghanistan and the secret drone attacks in Pakistan.

Interviews of Pakistanis as reported by *Reuters* reveal just how deep support of Saeed is on the streets of Pakistan. A senior police officer claims that "Saeed isn't doing anything wrong; in fact, he's a patriot." The increased tension between the U.S. and Pakistan over drone attacks has left the Pakistani public wary of cooperating with the U.S. and more apt to listen to the protest of Saeed.

In his press conference, Saeed further ridiculed America by saying, "If the guy who decided to [put a bounty on me] could get a job in the State Department, then I could be the president of the United States." Saeed

finished his bombastic statements by sarcastically praising, "God bless America."

An anonymous security official in Pakistan interviewed by *Reuters* said, "What would happen if we put a bounty on President (Barack) Obama's head because American drone strikes sometimes kill Pakistani civilians?"

While placing bounties on militants is no new strategy for America's war on terrorism, never before has a sum been placed on a free man, openly going about his life in public. Saeed continues to go about his life normally, seemingly unconcerned with the \$10 million incentive for information leading to his arrest, although he does travel with the addition of armed body guards at all times.

Pakistan and the U.S. have long been considered "strategic allies," but the relationship between the two countries has always been shaky. After the killing of Osama bin Laden in Pakistan



Image courtesy of Truthout.org

Caricature of Hafiz Saeed

last May, there have been even more questions over where Pakistan's true allegiances lay; but it is odd to expect that

Pakistan will turn over one of their own free citizens, whom they do not consider to be a criminal, to another nation.

## North Korea to fire weather satellite, U.N. council objects

Alli Thibault  
Journal Staff

North Korea is planning on launching a satellite sometime this week amid strong criticism from the U.S. and South Korea, according to *The New York Times*. Asian nations have advised airlines and shipping routes to avoid the rocket's path, as to avoid any potential falling debris. North Korea's launching of any kind of rocket is strictly prohibited by agreements made in talks between the U.S. and North Korea over the hostile nation curbing its nuclear enrichment programs in exchange for food aid. Launching of the rocket

is also prohibited by a United Nations Security Council Resolution that bars North Korea from testing intercontinental ballistic missile technology. Although North Korea has been defiant in its goal to launch the rocket, as they claim it is merely a satellite and nothing related to nuclear enrichment, the U.S. and its allies are concerned over the potential for nuclear weapons to eventually be strapped to such a rocket device if North Korea does eventually develop nuclear weapons. The launching coincides with celebrations for the centenary of the birth of Kim Il-sung, the founding president of North Korea and current leader Kim



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Jong-un's grandfather. Even though Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and White House Press Secretary Jay Carney have both urged Jong-un to

halt his plans under threat of suspending food aid plans for the starving nation, the young leader has showed no signs of calling off the launch--a trou-

bling sign for the future of cooperation with the troubled state.



# world BRIEFS

## Asia

MANILA, Philippines – China and the Philippines were engaged in a tense standoff early Wednesday morning as the island nation's largest warship was said to "harass" Chinese fishermen in the South China Sea, reports *The Huffington Post*. The dispute began when the Philippine warship attempted to arrest a Chinese fishing boat crossing the territorially troubled shoal but was blocked by Chinese surveillance ships. The Chinese embassy issued a statement saying that the shoal is "an integral part of the Chinese territory and the waters around it the traditional for Chinese fishermen." Philippine authorities said that "the situation has not changed. There's a standoff."

## Africa

KURUMAN HILLS, South Africa – Scientists excavating a cave in South Africa claim to have found evidence that humans were using fire as far back as a million years ago. Ash and bone fragments discovered at Wonderwerk Cave suggest that controlled fires were being lit at the site as much earlier than originally imagined. Thick sediment layers containing burnt remains of leaves, grass, brush, and bones suggest that repeated fires were lit at the site. If the theory brought forth by these scientists is true, it would push back the date for the earliest human use of fire about 300,000 years. Tools discovered in the cave lead experts to believe that the species *Homo Erectus* was responsible for lighting the fires. The earliest date for the use of fire by humans is often debated among leading experts. Some claim that humans were using fire even earlier than the discoveries at Wonderwerk Cave suggest. However, these recent findings are the only concrete evidence that humans were using fire that long ago. The discovery of fire was one of the most important factors in both our intellectual and evolutionary development, granting humans the ability to keep warm, cook food, and pave the way for the discovery of new tech-

## South America

BOGOTA, Colombia – A 10-year-old-girl gave birth in Colombia this Tuesday and is one of the youngest recorded mothers in history. However, connection to the ethnic Wayuu tribe prevents authorities from prosecuting the father, who is 15, reports *The Huffington Post*. The Wayuu tribe maintain their own justice system and according to Maria Gladys Pabon, a prosecutor in Riohacha, rarely collaborate with the Colombian government. Dr. Fabio Gonzales delivered the baby in a small clinic through caesarean due to the girl's pelvis not being large enough to pass the baby. "She barely understood what was going on," said Gonzales. Under Colombian law it is illegal to have sexual relations with anyone under 14.

## Denmark named the world's happiest nation by the U.N.

Alex Hall  
Journal Staff

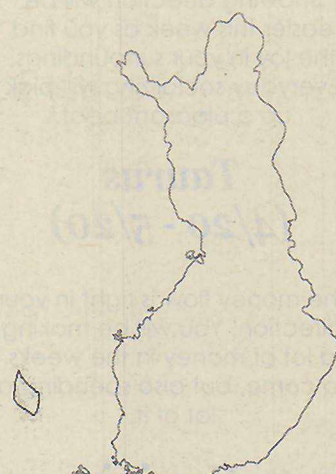
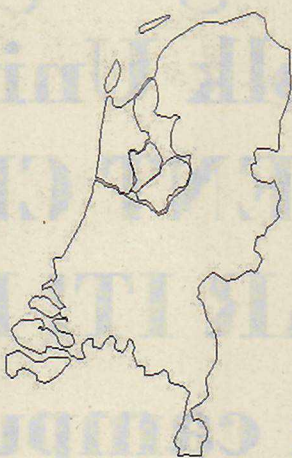
### #1. Denmark #2. Finland

The United Nations recently released their inaugural World Happiness Report, which saw Denmark taking the number one spot. Finland, Norway and the Netherlands rounded out the top four. Published by Columbia University's Earth Institute, nations were ranked based on their individual "life evaluation score," which takes into account people's health, family, job security, political freedom and government corruption.

"While basic living standards are essential for happiness, after the baseline has been met happiness varies more with the quality of human relationship than with income," the 158-page report said.

The Happiness Report ranked 97 countries based on the "life evaluation score", which is rated on a scale of 0-to-101. The average score for the top four nations was 7.6 while some of the lowest scoring nations like Benin, Sierra Leone, Central African Republic and Togo received an average score of 3.4.

### #4. Holland



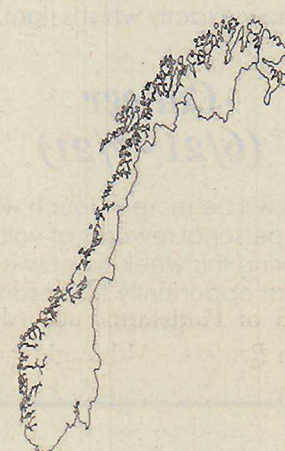
Though some nations didn't score overly high in the first ever report, since 1981 the world has gradually become a happier place, according to a survey within the 158 pages of text.

While America did not make the U.N.'s top 10, their northern neighbors, Canada came in at number five. The United States did finish inside the top 20 however, coming in at number 16. Jeffrey Sachs, who co-edited the report and is a prominent development economist at Columbia told *Sky News* "Gross National Product by itself does not promote happiness. The US has had a three-time increase of GNP per capita since 1960, but the happiness needle hasn't budged. Other countries have pursued other policies and achieved much greater gains of happiness."

The new report has received its share of supporters and detractors, one of the latter being Tim Worstall of *Forbes Magazine*.

"That basic thesis is that economic growth doesn't really improve happiness, we

### #3. Norway



really ought to be worrying about human happiness...the problem with this is that their own report shows the absence of economic growth most definitely makes people unhappy: therefore we should indeed strive for economic growth in order to make people happy." Worstall told *The Huffington Post*.

Japan's vice-minister for foreign affairs, Joe Nakano has also spoken out about the recent report.

"A number of recent studies have shown that, in many developed countries, including Japan, happiness is not proportional to economic wealth." Nakano said in a discussion with *Sky News*.

The report has received a fair amount of discussion based on its rankings, but it did more than just rank nations one through 97. The World Happiness Report also gave nations practical suggestions to promote happiness towards its citizens. Some of the suggestions include helping people meet their basic needs, reinforcing social systems, implementing active labor policies, and more.

### #5. Canada





# Horoscopes

Compiled by Kleoniki Papadopoulos

## Aries (3/21 - 4/19)

Showing affection will be easier this week as you find the joy in your surroundings. Everyday socializing will pick up a pleasant beat.

## Taurus (4/20 - 5/20)

The money flow is right in your direction. You will be making a lot of money in the weeks to come, but also spending a lot of it.

## Gemini (5/21 - 6/20)

You can thank your lucky stars, because this week is a great one. Go pick out some new clothes because you'll know exactly what's right.

## Cancer (6/21 - 7/21)

You will be more in touch with the personal rewards of volunteering this week, so now is a great opportunity to do some good.

## Leo (7/22 - 8/22)

Stick to what you know this week, and don't try anything new. It's also a great time to wrap up any big projects you've been putting off.

## Virgo (8/23 - 9/22)

Opportunity is knocking at your door; do not wait a minute to open it. You are looking favorable in bosses' eyes, so shine out.

## Libra (9/23 - 10/22)

Travel for your own pleasure, especially to somewhere nice where you can appreciate the beauty in this totally different place.

## Scorpio (10/23 - 11/21)

Your week might bring someone new to you, or intensify what you have with someone now. Expect some gifts and favors from others.

## Sagittarius (11/22 - 12/21)

New friends and relationships are highly likely this week as you're ready for fun! The downside is that you won't be motivated to work.

## Capricorn (12/22 - 1/19)

Working relationships are most premium this week as everyone feels easy to get along with. There is a raise heading your way!

## Aquarius (1/20 - 2/18)

You're comfortable in your skin this week, and a smile will never leave your face. Romantic relationships will improve incredibly.

## Pisces (2/19 - 3/20)

Warm family feelings are spreading all around. You can improve your home at this time, but real-estate opportunities are abound as well.

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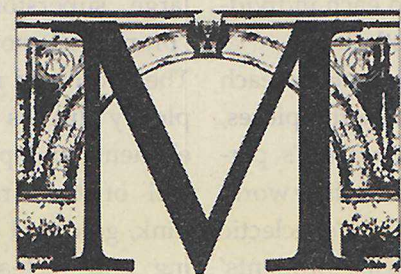
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# Graphic design seniors showcase work at NESAD

Projects range from package design, to corporate identity and branding revamps, to book design, board games, postcards, and theatrical release packages

Ally Thibault  
Journal Staff

As they wait just a few more weeks to graduate, senior graphic design majors have hung their final show at the New England School of Art and Design (NESAD), "Designing Under the Influence" (DUI). Featuring a variety of work from the departing undergraduates, the exhibit in NESAD's main gallery intends to highlight the unique talent of each stu-

dent's work and the ideas that have influenced each individual's design aesthetic. The BJ's redesign highlights simple colors and a classic, nostalgic-looking font and details to give the

wholesale store BJ's, and Too Faced, one of Sephora's most popular make-up brands, to improve through a total redesign. By reconsidering the respective brands' images and how to appeal to its customer base, the students were able to produce convincing product packaging that could easily be mistaken for the real deal.

of poems for E. E. Cummings work, employing a simple black and white color scheme and funky text layout on the jacket that perfectly complements the free form poetry of Cummings.

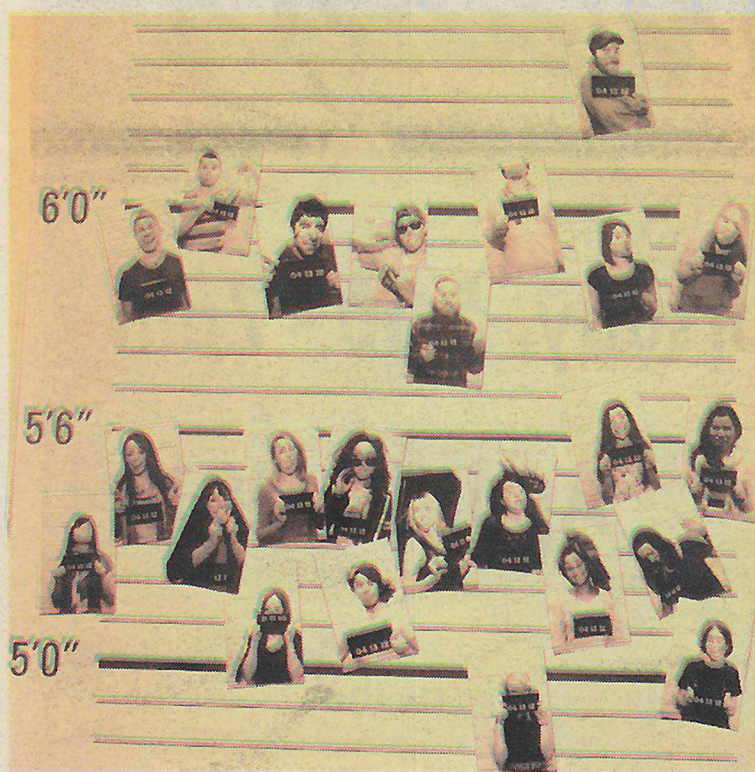
The individual influences of the student are more than obvious on a shelf that showcases a book on ballet alongside a book of beer. Both artists carefully considered their topics to create fun and well-designed books that also hold a little piece of themselves.

Another project that highlights individual influences on the artist is a notecard set design. Similar to the box sets of cards one could find at Papyrus, students created an array of card themes that ranges from comic book characters, to the works of legendary designer Saul Bass, to the forms of outer space.

Corporate identity projects, which focus on creating a coherent and unique image for a company's logo, business cards, letterhead, and packag-

ing, create new brands out of thin air by making a believable and professional quality corporate look. A redesign of the Atomic Bean Café's image catapults the company into the modern era by replacing its old world rustic charm with a fresh, bold set of neon colors and a hip aesthetic.

The senior graphic design work will remain displayed at NESAD's gallery until April 14, with a reception celebration on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.



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Mock mug shots of each senior accompany the pieces, along with each artist's personal statement on their work, to unite the show's eclectic pieces and artists. Students' works are squeezed into the main gallery on the second floor of NESAD and even spill down the hallway around the corner. Projects range from package design, to corporate identity and branding revamps, to book design, board games, postcards, and theatrical release packages.

Students chose well-known brands like Berkeley & Jensen, the name brand of the

sometimes overwhelmingly large superstore a homey, "brand-that-mom-used" feel. The Too Faced redesign completely ditches the Victorian elements and pretty princess feel of the brand's current pink, gold and black packaging and instead transforms the brand into a modern, hip image. The facades of white boxes are chopped up by giant black shapes and covered with miniature triangles of bright color to catch the 21st century girl's eye.

The book design project is able to both show off the students' design talents and reveal a piece of each artist's own personality. One student chose to design a book



Photos by Ally Thibault

Students' mock mug shots (left), book design (top right), DUI exhibit (bottom right).



# Genki Spark drums in Ridgeway

All-women's Japanese Taiko group performs routines with audience participation

The Genki Spark, an Asian All-Female performance troupe that specializes in Taiko drumming, came to Ridgeway yesterday.

The Office of Diversity Services, in conjunction with the Suffolk's Asian-American

Association (AAA) and the Vietnamese Students Association (VSA), organized the event in honor of Asian Heritage Month, which begins in May.

Attendees dined on rice and teriyaki as the Genki

Spark women entertained them through a show beginning with a history of the group.

"We want to create a world that respects all people," stated Karen S. Young, founder and artistic director

of the Boston-based group. She continued to say the all-female group intends to dispel previous misconceptions of Asian women being "quiet and small."

Following a few drum performances and a spoken-

word piece, audience members took the stage to participate.

More information on The Genki Spark can be found at [TheGenkiSpark.org](http://TheGenkiSpark.org).

Story and words by Julian Dean.





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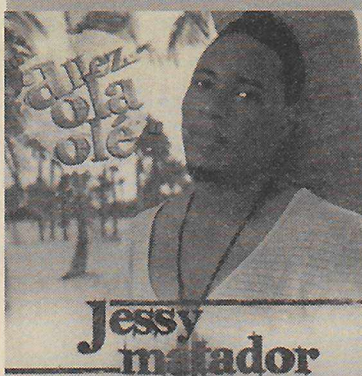
Various Artists  
"Hardstyle (X-Plosive Techno)"  
Raving without being at a rave.  
-Angela Bray

### ROUNDBALL ROCK JOHN TESH



John Tesh  
"Roundball Rock"  
Ba-dada-bada-da-DA--DA.  
-Ethan Long

Various Artists (Mix recorded live by Nick Minieri)  
"Together 2012 Showcase Mix"  
Checking out awesome electronic music.  
-Alex Hall



Jesse Matador  
"Allez Ola Ole"  
A beat and international :)  
-Ivan Favelevic

# 3D brings classic to new light

Viewers witness intense, up-close Titanic experience

Laura Mahony  
Journal Staff

James Cameron's 1997 *Titanic* was a masterpiece in itself, but is now taken to a new level in 3D form. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, *Titanic* has been a box office hit, as well as a

underground shipwreck fading into what it once was—a grand ship of dreams. Imagine characters developing into relatable people before your eyes. If these aren't captivating enough in 2D, paint the picture of them in your mind in a third dimension. The audience isn't watching

**"The audience isn't watching this story; they're actually in it."**

classic in our hearts since the day it was released in 1997. A great, memorable love story, it challenges the audience to understand the facts and take pleasure in the fiction. This fictional story demonstrates Cameron's artistic zeal and also his incredible shots and visuals. Although 3D is popular in the film industry and audiences, it is not always the best fit for certain stories. However, it fits like a glove for *Titanic*, as it places each audience member aboard that ship.

*Titanic* is intensified through the use of 3D imagery. Just when you thought the original version was incredibly shot and full of artistic brilliance, Cameron amazes again with stunning 3D visuals. Picture a shot of an

this story; they're actually in it. It comes alive through the use of 3D.

On a side note, it is important to mention Cameron's dialogue isn't the strongest. He is a brilliant man no doubt, but if you take a closer look into this film, you'll realize that it's the silent moments and the eye and body contact that really creep into your emotions. These moments are what make the story and the film so powerful. These silent, emotional moments are typically the most powerful in our own personal lives as well. I find this incredibly insightful and artistic on Cameron's part.

Character performance is an equally crucial aspect of the film. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet light up the



screen with their performances. They play off each other magnificently and especially in this 3D version they bring a whole new life to the screen with the way they come right at the viewer with a brilliant mix of intensity and passion. Winslet was nominated for an Oscar for her performance, but DiCaprio did not. Taking no credit away from Winslet,

as her nomination was well deserved, but there is no way that DiCaprio did not deserve one at least just as much. As Jack Dawson, DiCaprio ignited the screen with youthful passion and determination that really set the whole story in motion. If not for his major role in the film, *Titanic* would certainly lose much of its nobility, particularly in 3D.

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## Your Week: Arts, Clubs, Culture

[Nightlife, Wed.] Resident D-Lux and guest Lilia will spin house, deep house and techno doe Re:Set's Ladies Night at Phoenix Landing. [Ladies free or \$5, 19+]

[Music, Thurs.] Trumpeter Ingrid Jensen leads her own jazz quintet at The Red Room @ Café 939. [\$5]

[Nightlife, Thurs.] GLOW Boston is giving away Afrojack tickets and lots of leis at the weekly electro/house/remixes dance party at Think Tank. [\$15, 18+]

[Music, Fri.] The Discovery Ensemble's 40 fine musicians perform music like Beethoven, Salonen and

Muzart at the New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall. [Limited free vouchers at box office, or \$10]

[Nightlife, Fri.] The White Rabbit is hosting a Poke-thon Wonderland at RISE. Best trainer and Pokemon character costumes win tickets to Tight Crew's Mario Party 4. [\$15-20, 18+]

[Theater, Fri.] Two teams of improvisers fight in the Friday Night Face Off, a funny knockdown at Improv Boston in Central Square. [\$12]

[Nightlife, Sat.] Deka is back at Underbar with the best tribal and tech house. [\$10-15, 21+]

[Nightlife, Sun.] Enter a dance marathon (beats by Greg Pic and Joe Bermudez) at The Place to win Red Sox tickets, \$200 cash and a private VIP party for up to 50 people. [21+]

[Nightlife, Sun.] The Drop and Trouble & Bass present Body Double Tour with B.Rich and the Captain at Phoenix Landing. Bassline, house, funky, garage, dub-step, hip-hop, and breaks for all. [\$10, 19+]

[Film, Mon.] Auditory surgeon Charles Limb, MD, is holding a discussion at Coolidge Corner Theatre after a screening of 8 Mile along the lines of how the brain works during musical improv. [\$7.75]

[Fun, Tues.] Nerd Nite at Oberon features music, two talks and a film screening. [\$10]

[Art, daily] The Mills Gallery at the Boston Center for the Arts has a cool exhibit showcasing sculpture, installation, video and paper. [Free]

Compiled by Angela Bray and Kristin Baker (PAO).



Photo by Angela Bray

## THURSDAY @ Suffolk Fifth Annual Rammys (Modern)

The Rammy Awards, hosted by Suffolk's Communication and Journalism (CJN) Department, recognizes and honors the achievements of students' work throughout the year.

"The Rammy Awards provide us with an excellent opportunity to recognize the creative energy of our students in all areas of visual

media," said CJN Department Chairman Dr. Bob Rosenthal in a press release.

In February and March, students submitted their work in the areas of hard news reporting, feature news reporting, in-depth reporting/documentary, music video, short fiction, commercial/PSA, sport news photo, single color photo, single black-and-

white photo, photo essay, and strategic communications campaign.

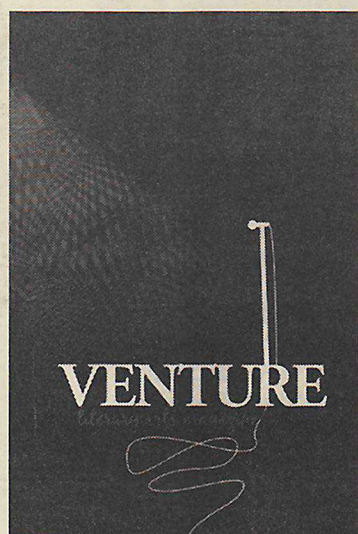
The awards ceremony will be held tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at the Modern theatre and will also highlight Suffolk's Ramifications and Miss Boston 2012. A reception at Max & Dylan's will follow, and admission to both are free.

## Venture magazine Launch (73 Tremont)

Venture, Suffolk's literary magazine, is an annual publication showcasing writers and artists within the university community. Students' work in the areas of poetry, short fiction, personal essays, short plays, drawings, photos (black-and-white, color),

and artwork is selected and placed.

This year's launch will be celebrated tomorrow at 6:15 p.m. in the Rosalie K. Stahl Center on the 9th floor of 73 Tremont. The event will include readings and dinner.



## arts BRIEFS

### Electric Zoo Festival: artist lineup announced

New York's Electric Zoo Festival, to be held August 31 to September 2 at Randall's Island Park, has announced artists.

Ready?

David Guetta, pretty Lights, Laidback Luke, Hardwell, Nicky Romero, Axwell, Above & Beyond, Ferry Corsten, Gabriel & Dresden, Mat Zo, A-Trak, Congorock, Dillon Francis, Nadas-trom, Luciano, Reboot, Argy, Frivolous, Mendo, Robert Dietz, Dada Life, Sander Van Doorn, Bingo Players, Benny Benassi, Wolfgang Gartner, Martin Solveig, Mord Fustang, Morgan Page, Steve Aoki, Datsik, 12th Planet, Autoerotique, Dirtyphonics, Felix cartal, Kill the Noise, Mustard Pimp, Sasha, Paco Osuna, Chris Liebing, Claude VonStroke, Koze, Mathias Kaden, Maya Jane Coles, Tiesto, eXtra SpEciaL KiLLeR, Knife Party, Porter Robinson, Dash Berlin, Bloody Beetroots, Excision, Flux Pavillion, Doctor P, Adventure Club, Andy C, Mt Eden, Zeds Dead, Tommy Trash, 3Lau, Pierce Fulton, Boys Noize, Marco Carola, Better Lost Than Stupid, Dixon, Djedjotronic vs Strip Steve, Gesaffelstein, Umek.



### Great Gatsby, 87 years old

The Great Gatsby was published 87 years ago yesterday and has withstood the test of time as it remains standard reading for high schoolers and a beloved classic by all. The tale of wealth, self-invention, and unrequited love in the roaring 20s continues to captivate today's audience as recent times in America have dredged up a rebirth of discussing greed and socio-economic divides in society. This Christmas, a movie rendition of F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel will be released in theaters from director Baz Luhrmann (Romeo + Juliet, Moulin Rouge), starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Jay Gatsby, Tobey Maguire as Nick Carraway, and Carey Mulligan as Daisy Buchanan. The movie will be yet another 3D release, as most blockbusters seem to be moving to that format. Critics and 3D lovers alike hope that the film can help transform the 3D experience into a more sophisticated, integrated element, rather than just highlighting cheesy action shots.

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Tonight: @SarahPalinUSA joins the cast of the "Today" show! Next, she'll join the cast of "Rent" on Broadway.

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### Staff Editorial

Boston University continued its torrid pace of bad decision making over the weekend when apparent pledges from a non-sanctioned fraternity home were found by police in a basement allegedly duct taped to each other in only their underwear, covered in flour and condiments, with red welts on their bare backs. This comes off the heels of the extremely controversial and offensive April Fool's edition of *The Daily Free Press* in which recent sexual assaults on campus were made light of.

It's one thing to have a good time in college. It's a completely different story when students from a particular university continue to

make bad decisions in light of recent events. There is a certain way to behave while receiving a higher education, and apparently BU students have not gotten the memo.

It is a shame to see such a highly respected university and a staple in the Boston community being reduced into nothing but a bad version of *Animal House*. It only gives everyone on campus a bad reputation, which is unfair for students who attend or have attended BU for a pure love of the school and to further themselves in the right way.

Boston University students need to realize that they represent each other and the institution, whether they like

it or not. Sometimes it is unfair when people are guilty by association, but unfortunately that's just the way it goes sometimes. Every time you step outside into the real world, it is important to remember that you are often part of something that is bigger than you. This could be your job, school, or even your family. This is not to say that you should have to watch every move you make to preserve the reputation of outside forces. But there needs to be a balance of behavior that is generally acceptable. We are young and have been afforded the benefit of making a few mistakes. Just remember that some mistakes can have further damage than others.

### Massachusetts cuts path for gay marriage

A.P. Blake  
Journal Staff

Massachusetts has historically been one of the most civil libertarian states in the United States, and today, we continue our proud advocacy of freedom and tolerance. The most hotly debated civil rights issue of our generation has certainly proven to be gay-rights and same-sex marriage. Massachusetts has led the charge on the issue and in 2004, became the first state in the country to legalize same-sex marriage.

The Massachusetts legislation faced scrutiny from other states and the federal government, and it was determined that the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) guarded the rights of other

multiple parties in challenging DOMA in a federal appeals court. The plaintiffs include seven same-sex couples and three widowers.

One of the plaintiffs, Dean Hara – widower of the first openly gay member of Congress, US Representative Gerry Studds – is looking for the benefits he should have received. Among Hara's potential benefits are a Social Security death benefit and his husband's federal pension. Studds was the first openly gay Congressman in the United States, and the two married just one week following the legalization of same-sex marriages in Massachusetts.

If we want to continue to pride ourselves as a country of freedom, we must be accepting and tolerant of lifestyles

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states' legislation on same-sex marriage, it was possible for other states to not recognize same-sex marriages from another state, and that marriages would be invalidated by moving to that state.

The federal DOMA legislation also meant that same-sex couples were not recognized as a union in the eyes of the federal government. As a result, many married couples in Massachusetts and five other states are denied the benefits heterosexual married couples enjoy, such as filing a joint tax return.

In the effort to respect the rights of all couples, Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley and the Gay and Lesbians Advocates and Defenders are representing

which have absolutely no detrimental effects on others nor infringe upon the rights of others. There is no logical, rational argument for standing in the way of two people who wish to form a legal union between them for their own emotional, spiritual, and financial desires.

As a straight male, I have no right to impose my preferences on others, nor does anyone else. Likewise, the devout religious have no right to impose their beliefs on anyone else. Massachusetts and the United States were settled and founded on freedom from religious tyranny and discrimination. Today we carry that thought forward as DOMA is challenged in a federal appeals court for the first time.



# Cahill just another example of a corrupt Beacon Hill

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Tim Cahill, former Massachusetts Treasurer and independent candidate for governor in 2010, has been indicted on charges of public corruption related to ads run by the state lottery during his unsuccessful bid for the Corner Office. While the ads never mentioned Cahill by name, as treasurer he was responsible for overseeing the lottery and its success.

In an attempt to highlight his role with the state lottery to help his election chances, the Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley claims that Cahill coordinated with the lottery, whose budget is funded by taxpayer dollars, to run a slew of ads hyping the image of the industry.

Coakley has called Cahill's alleged crime "an orchestrated effort" to aid his struggling campaign by "abus[ing] his position of trust and put[ting] his own political ambition before the best interests of the taxpayers," according to *The Boston Herald*.

If he is found guilty, Cahill could face up to five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine for each

count he is charged with. But, despite the high-profile allegations and email evidence leaning the speculators' scales to guilty, Cahill's family asserts his innocence.

Both his wife and daugh-

added, "It's not enough to be defeated you need to be destroyed politically & personally," presumably attempting to equate the recent indictment to some kind of grand conspiracy plot to destroy Cahill for

guilty" tweet from the man himself (although an actual Cahill press conference would be a little more professional to say the least), the tweets from his family don't provide a great defense for Cahill sup-

who was so impressed by his credentials as treasurer that she cast her first ever ballot for him, oops), it's hard to believe that he has no responsibility in the ad scandal.

His potential crime may even seem tame compared to the funding issues that have come up in the on-going presidential campaign with the birth of the Super PAC, but, nevertheless, Cahill's alleged actions may reveal yet another Massachusetts politician continuing the awful tradition of corruption we've seen mature on Beacon Hill as of late.

A statement released by Governor Patrick's office called the allegations "troubling" and Coakley warned that "all elected officials need to be aware there will be greater scrutiny with taxpayer dollars." It seems that the powers that be are all well aware of corruption problems on the hill, as politicians continue to be indicted and convicted, but still every few months another scandal crops up. And as the senate race between Warren and Brown heats up, who knows what controversy will expose yet another seemingly trustworthy elected official.



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ter took to everyone's favorite public whining forum, Twitter, to try and clear Cahill's growing image of corrupt politician. His wife Tina said in a tweet that her husband was being "persecuted for challenging the status quo." She

running as an independent.

Cahill's daughter Nicole tweeted, "This is why good people don't get into politics. It's a shame." Maybe she meant that good people are destroyed by political ambitions? Without an "I'm not

porters to rally behind.

Since nothing has been proven in a courtroom yet, no one should be speculating on the guilt or innocence of Cahill; but, even for former supporters of the indie candidate in 2010 (including this writer,

## Boston's crackdown on bad landlords is awesome

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I will be the first to admit that I am not the biggest fan of Mayor Menino. With that being said, credit needs to be given where credit is due.

Last Thursday *The Boston Herald* reported that the city of Boston had decided to combat bad landlords by using a new and unprecedented method. Lighted highway signs reading "Designated Problem Property" will be placed outside of any house that has been identified by the city as drug dens or nuisance properties.

The first of these signs has already been placed outside of a Dorchester multifamily that has been the site of constant criminal activity, including a stabbing, drug deals, and prostitution. It was reported that police have been called to the house 57 times in the past year. Officials also said that the landlord, Ed Franco, owes more than \$2,000 in fines stemming from both of his

properties.

This method of pressuring bad landlords to keep up with their properties, at least in my estimation, is ingenious. It is time for the city to step up their efforts on clean-

any success, then it is time to get a little creative. Placing a highway sign outside of a house that lets everyone know who travels by that the property is a problem certainly sounds like an original and ef-

ficially put all landlords on notice. Just the threat of embarrassment hopefully should be enough to keep all property owners in check and inspire them to constantly keep up with their properties.

of these areas who are most likely directly affected by the actions of some questionable characters living in their neighborhoods. And I must say placing a highway sign outside of someone's house is definitely a move that requires some you know what. To me, it is a clear message to the entire city that this sort of behavior will not be tolerated.

So for every bad thing that I have ever said about Mayor Menino, I will be the first one to say that this is great. Not only does it help to start what hopefully will be a major clean-up process, it embarrasses and shames people that most likely deserve it. Landlords have a responsibility, not only to their tenants, but to the entire area in which they own property. Let's not forget, matters like this can easily affect property values of an entire neighborhood. It's time for something to be done, and giant highway signs may do the trick. If not, at least it's a start.

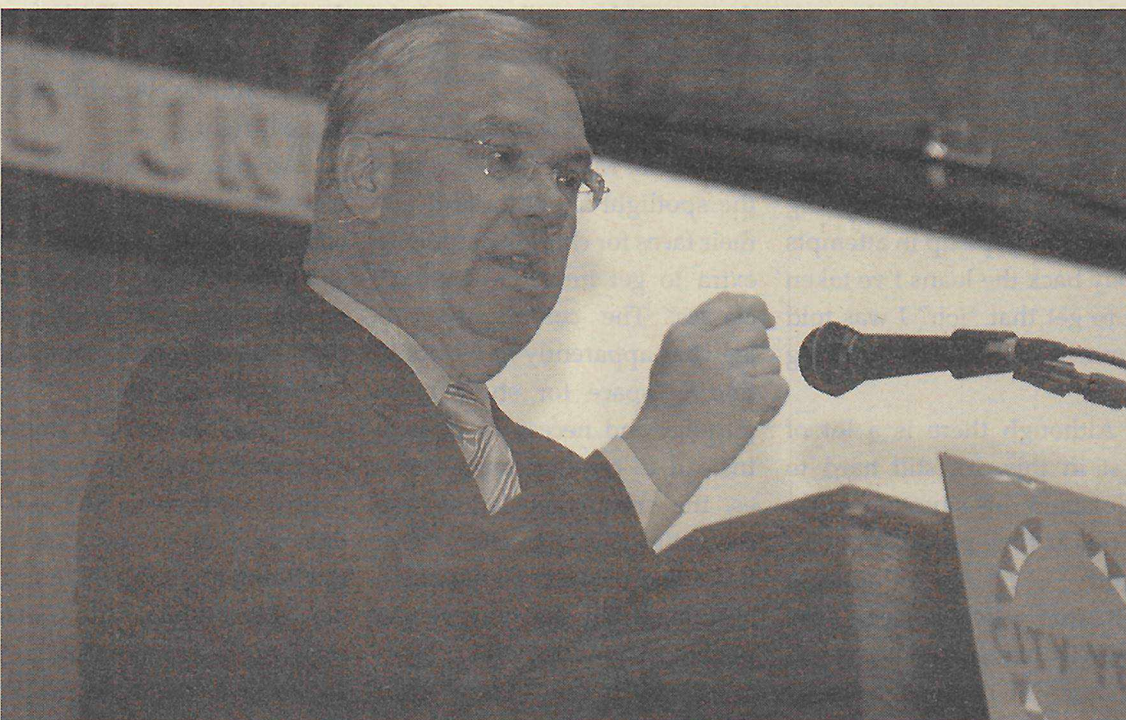


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ing up these homes, and this represents a major step in the right direction. If the city has constantly cracked down on a particular property without

ficient way to get results.

City officials have said that so far 16 houses have been put on the list. What this tells me is that Boston has of-

I applaud the mayor for this effort. For a man who I often feel overreacts to certain situations, this shows a clear commitment to the residents



# Santorum's success provides insight into America

Michael Christina  
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Oh Rick Santorum, how we will miss you. You were a constant source of entertainment for us porn addicted, life hating, gay marriage supporting liberal heathens who are destroying America one vote for Obama at a time.

In all seriousness though, as much as I do not like Senator Santorum or anything he stands for, I am glad that his campaign did go as far as it did. That may not make sense right away, seeing as I just said I do not like the man. But hear me out.

The legitimacy of his campaign provided a true look into what America has become in 2012. It seems like the lines have been drawn in the sand as to what people believe in nowadays. I'm glad I got to see what type of candidate a large portion of this country would like to support.

The one thing you have to give Santorum is that he stood for what he believed in, and sometimes to a fault. He did, however, give Mitt Romney one hell of a fight which makes me

wonder about his legitimacy as a presidential candidate in terms of having full Republican support. But that is a topic for another day.

Santorum represents a large population of how Americans

causes. I will never knock anyone's passion for something that they truly believe in. That doesn't mean I have to agree with those beliefs. It just means I believe that Americans should have the right to voice their

his supporters. It is based in a strong religious belief system that many feel should be implemented in the policies this country runs on. Seeing this should have been no surprise to anyone. What is surprising is

opposites, which may lead to a constant unharmonious period in this country's history.

You better believe with the success of Rick Santorum comes a whole new crop of Republican candidates just like him. And let's just say that President Obama is victorious in the upcoming election. It can be assumed that the next Democratic presidential candidate will be along the same lines as him. So where does it end? Are we destined to be a country constantly separated by what we feel is morally right and wrong?

My feeling is that this is the reason why religion should not be taken into account when making policies. It gets way too messy. The truth is, though, that religion within politics is not going anywhere. Liberal policy making is also going nowhere any time soon. I guess we can just expect this country to be in constant limbo for the foreseeable future. So thanks Rick for helping me come to this stark conclusion of what America will be throughout most of my lifetime. I guess it was the least you could do.

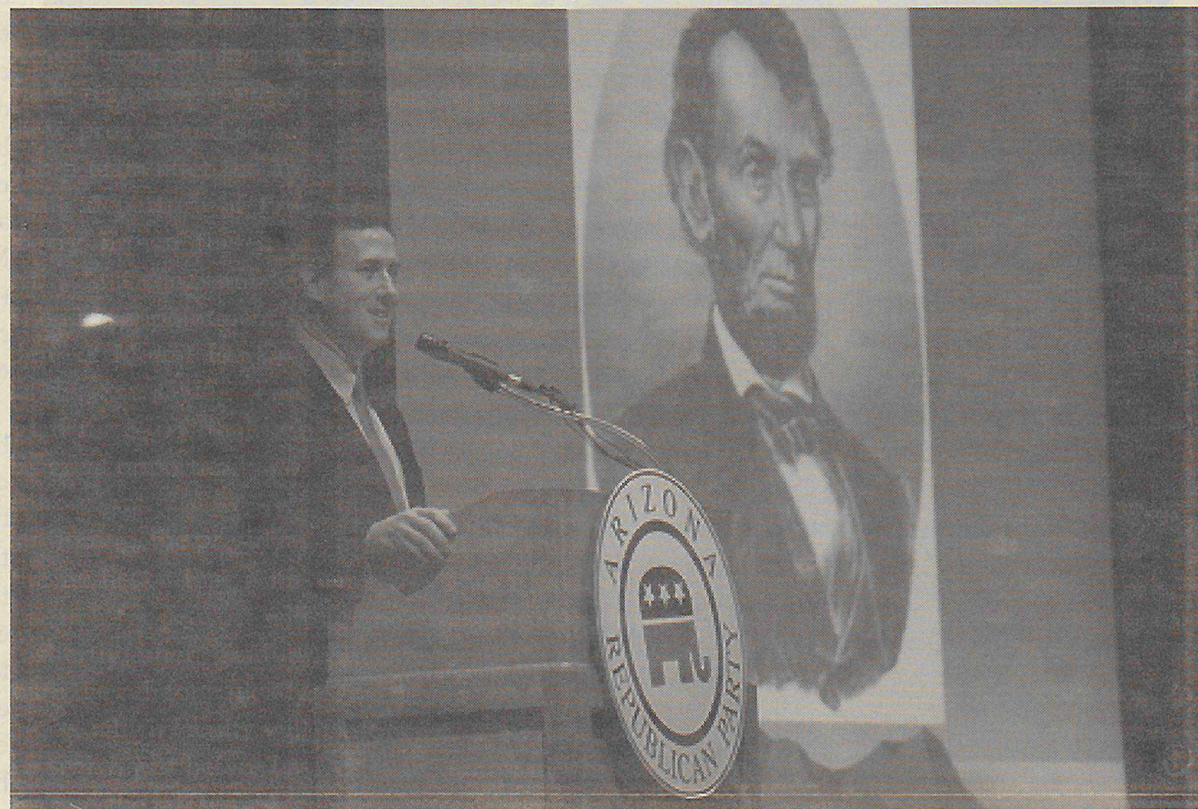


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feel. I disagree with this portion of our country when it comes to a lot of things, but I have to admit that I was impressed with their commitment to their

opinions, especially in the political arena.

What Santorum's success showed me was a vow to one particular way of thinking from

that there does not seem to be an endgame between liberals and conservatives. It almost seems as though candidates in the future will continue to be polar

# Change is key for students

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Currently, the average debt for a college student in America is \$25,000. This is a record high, and it's still climbing. Last year, \$100 billion was taken out in student loans, only to be trumped by the expected \$1 trillion this year for outstanding student loan debt.

Could it get worse than this? Unfortunately, yes. Yes it can.

*Time Magazine* reported that as of July 1, "as many as 8 million college students will see their interest rates on federally subsidized student loans double, from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent."

Let me reiterate that fact: student loans are going to DOUBLE in interest rates.

Remind me please how this is the American dream?

Growing up, our generation was always told the following: 1. Do well in high school. 2. If you did well in high school, you'd get into a great college or

university. 3. You would go to said college or university, study a field you wanted to further yourself in to prepare for the real world. 4. You would graduate and get a job in your field right after.

Laughable now, but it seemed like such a reality back then. Now, on the verge of my own graduation, I'm half terrified of the money I'm going to have to scrape up in attempts to pay back the loans I've taken out to get that "job" I was told so much about while growing up.

Although there is a lot of angst in this, it's still hard to understand this situation working out as time progresses. Our country is trying to up-right itself, that much is clear. And Congress has surprisingly had the backs of students most of the time.

The *Time* article does make the viable point that 6.8 percent is still relatively low, especially compared to private loans (ranging around 9 percent to 11

percent), or credit cards, which are well above 20 percent for some people.

Still, the burden weighs heavily. Despite Congress's efforts to keep the interest rates down, you have the institutions dropping the guillotine blade instead. If it's not one, it's the other.

In another *Time Magazine* article, Santa Monica College had the spotlight shone brightly in their faces for charging students extra to get into "in-demand" classes. The community college has apparently had trouble finding space for students in popular and necessary classes. Instead of creating more classes, the school decided it was the better choice to charge five times the amount of the class, jumping from the current \$36 per credit hour to \$180.

Really? That's how you want to play your hand, Santa Monica? The rich can afford to move up while the middle/lower class has to wait? How does that make sense?

The scary part is that other

institutions could easily follow suit.

It's becoming increasingly clear that most of higher education is putting business before education. And looking at it from a financial perspective, it does make sense. At the same time, is that really what education should be about? It doesn't make it right.

America is at a critical point where it's evolving. Changes are being made left and right; we're an evolving nation that needs to re-adjust what we weigh as important – education being right at the top of the list.

Here we have students graduating with a bachelor's degree with over \$100,000 in debt and they sit down and take it without anything but a grumble. Meanwhile, in Canada, there are legitimate riots in the streets over a measly \$325 increase in tuition for the next five years. That's a little over \$1,600 in five years that they are storming the streets over.

My question is, why do we accept this reality? Why do we

accept that vital, prerequisite classes are being quadrupled in price? Why do we accept the 13 percent interest rates we get for private loans? Or the fact that federally subsidized loans are being doubled in interest? Why are we not speaking up, taking action, doing something, doing anything?

Are we lazy? What is it that we can just accept with this? We need to actively search for an answer. Speak up for something. Ask for help. Anything.

How do we progress in this world if we owe banks and the government everything we've worked for? We need something to change in this country and it needs to happen now. With a new presidential election steadily approaching, this is when the country will be looking at issues like this most. We need to seize this opportunity of having the spotlight.

Students, teachers, parents, graduates. Everyone. We need to speak up. Now.



# Sports BRIEFS

## Panthers award Steve Smith with three-year extension

It's not often these days that an NFL player begins and ends his career with the same franchise, but the Carolina Panthers are hoping their new three-year extension with wide receiver Steve Smith accomplishes that rare feat. Carolina announced yesterday that both player and organization have agreed to add three years onto his current contract, making Smith a panther until the 2015 season, with a one-year team option for 2016. Financial terms of the deal have not been made public yet. "The Panthers wanted to try to lock him down for the future and Steve is simply ecstatic about being able to finish his career in Carolina. A lot of L.A. guys want to get back to the West Coast, but Steve and his family love living Charlotte," said Smith's agent Derrick Fox. The Compton, California-native currently sits 32nd on the NFL's all-time receiving yards list and just finished up his fifth Pro Bowl season in 2011.

## Mavericks place Lamar Odom on inactive list

During halftime of the Dallas Maverick's game last Saturday, Lamar Odom and franchise owner Mark Cuban exchanged heated words, ultimately resulting in the two mutually agreeing to cut ties. Odom has been placed on the team's inactive list for the rest of the season and has likely played his last game as a member of the squad. According to sources, the confrontation came to a head when Cuban asked Odom if he was "in or out." The veteran responded with harsh words and didn't take his seat on the bench heading into the third quarter of the contest. This is just one of several arguments between the owner and player, with Cuban confronting Odom during the team's March 6 contest against the New York Knicks. *ESPN.com* reported that the Mavs and Odom have agreed that former Los Angeles Laker will leave the team immediately, however he won't be outright released.

## Ozzie Guillen suspended five games

The Miami Marlins suspended Ozzie Guillen for five games for comments he made regarding Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Guillen, 48, told *Time Magazine* he loves Castro and respects the retired Cuban leader for staying in power so long. On Tuesday, Guillen held a press conference in which he apologized for his comments, stating "I'm very sorry about the problem, what happened. I will do everything in my power to make it better. I know it's going to be a very bumpy ride." Marlins bench coach Joey Cora will be the interim manager during the suspension, and Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said he supported the Marlin's decision to suspend Guillen.

## Bill Parcells unlikely to coach Saints

Bill Parcells will not become interim coach for the New Orleans Saints in 2012, according to team sources. Sean Payton's suspension for the bounty scandal took effect Monday, and the Saints have apparently been in talks with Parcells about the coaching position for the past month. Parcells, 71, told Payton in a recent conversation that he preferred to remain retired. The future Hall of Famer retired from coaching in 2006, after coaching the Dallas Cowboys for four seasons.

# RAM REPORT



## Men's baseball

April 11 at Emerson, 2 p.m., 4:30pm.\*  
 April 14 at Albertus Magnus, 12 p.m., 2 p.m.\*  
 April 15 vs. Johnson & Wales, 12 p.m., 2:30 p.m.\*  
 April 18 at Anna Maria, 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m.\*

## Women's softball

April 13 at Mount Ida, 3 p.m., 5 p.m.\*  
 April 14 vs. Albertus Magnus, 12p.m., 2 p.m.\*  
 April 15 at Norwich, 12 p.m., 2 p.m.\*  
 April 20 vs. Emmanuel, 3 p.m., 5 p.m.\*

\*Denotes doubleheader

## Men's tennis

April 12 vs. Bridgewater St., 6:30 p.m.  
 April 14 at Johnson & Wales, 10:30 a.m.  
 April 17 vs. Albertus Magnus, 1 p.m.  
 April 23 vs. Curry College, 6:30 p.m.

# Team standings

## Men's baseball

1. St. Joseph's (Me.) 21-3
2. Johnson & Wales 17-10
3. Anna Maria 14-8
4. Lasell 10-16
5. Suffolk 8-15-1
6. Albertus Magnus 5-14
7. Emerson 5-17
8. Norwich 3-21
9. Rivier 1-22

## Women's softball

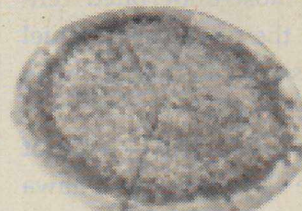
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2. Emerson 20-7
3. Rivier 20-6
4. Simmons 16-11
5. Johnson & Wales 16-12
6. Norwich 14-10
7. St. Joseph (Conn.) 12-14
8. Mount Ida 15-15
9. Lasell 7-21
10. Albertus Magnus 10-14
11. Suffolk 11-19
12. Pine Manor 4-12
13. Emmanuel 4-24
14. Anna Maria 0-24

## Men's tennis

1. Suffolk 7-0
2. Norwich 5-2
3. Johnson & Wales 5-3
4. Emerson 3-4
5. Albertus Magnus 1-4
6. Anna Maria 0-5

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# NHL playoff preview and predictions: round one

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Journal Staff

The NHL regular season came to an end on Saturday, setting the stage for the playoffs to begin this week. The NHL playoffs are often called the most intense and exciting tournament in sports, and this year is looking to be no exception.

has been red hot lately, as well as his trusty centerman Nicklas Backstrom. Ovechkin has been known to carry the Capitals in the playoffs at times, and making sure he stays off the board is key for the Bruins defense.

The Bruins also need to take advantage of Washington's goaltending situation, as both Tomas Vokoun and Mi-

most intense series of the 2012 NHL playoffs. The already bitter rivalry heated up in the last week of the regular season, when Philly rallied from an early 2-0 deficit to beat the Penguins 6-4.

A brawl ensued in the final minute of the game, which included Philly coach Peter Laviolette getting involved in a shouting match with Pitts-

afterwards.

The Western Conference exhibits some interesting and even matchups. The first round out West will probably be much more entertaining to watch (with the exception of the Pitt-Philly series), with almost every team facing an equal opponent. The Western Conference has the potential to show us some pretty exciting upsets.

**#1 Vancouver Canucks (51-22-9) vs. #8 Los Angeles Kings (40-27-15):** This matchup should be fairly easy for the Canucks, who boast the NHL's best record through the regular season. The Kings have one of the worst offenses in the league, and the goaltending of Vezina Trophy candidate Jonathan Quick is what propelled them into the playoffs.

While Quick is capable of stealing a series, I just don't see LA's offense stepping up to finish the job. Quick has also allowed five goals in each of his last two starts, so it may not be too hard for Vancouver to get to him early.

Barring an inhuman performance by Quick, Vancouver should take this series in six at the most.

**#2 St. Louis Blues (49-22-11) vs. #7 San Jose Sharks (43-29-10):** This matchup is not as lopsided as it seems.

ley Cup winning goaltender Antti Niemi at the helm, San Jose will ride their momentum to a seven game upset of St. Louis.

**#3 Phoenix Coyotes (42-27-13) vs. #6 Chicago Blackhawks (45-26-11):** Another upset should come in this round, with Phoenix taking out Chicago in an intense seven game series (Phoenix has the higher seeding due to winning the Pacific Division; Chicago has more wins and points.)

Phoenix goaltender Mike Smith enters the postseason as the hottest goaltender in the NHL, riding a recent streak of three straight shutouts. On top of that, the Coyotes will be fired up after winning their first ever Pacific Division title.

Chicago's elite offense will hit a roadblock in Smith and the defensive mindset of Phoenix, and goaltender Corey Crawford will not be able to keep up with Smith's stellar play.

**#4 Nashville Predators (48-26-8) vs. #5 Detroit Red Wings (48-28-6):** This will be the most even matchup in the West. These two Central Division teams boast incredible amounts of talent and both have credible claims to the Stanley Cup this year.

However, only one will make it out of the first round.



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The Boston Bruins will need to contain Washington Capitals left winger Alexander Ovechkin in the first round of this year's playoffs.

So what can hockey fans expect in the first round of the NHL playoffs? Let's break down the Eastern Conference playoff picture series by series.

**#1 New York Rangers (51-24-7) vs. #8 Ottawa Senators (41-31-10):** This will be a tricky series to predict. Surprisingly, Ottawa took the season series 3-1 while outscoring New York 14-8. The Senators also boast probable Norris Trophy winner Erik Karlsson, Jason Spezza, one of the most underrated centers in the game, and Daniel Alfredsson, a veteran who has seen it all.

This series will be a tale of offense vs. defense, as Ottawa has the fourth best offense in the Eastern Conference, and the Rangers have the best defense. The Rangers have the best chance to win if they take Ottawa out of the series early with their highly physical forecheck and grinding style of play.

If the Rangers stick to the game that won them the first seed in the East, they can dispatch Ottawa in six games.

**#2 Boston Bruins (49-29-4) vs. #7 Washington Capitals (42-32-8):** This series will be all about silencing Washington's big stars for the defending champion Bruins. Washington captain Alex Ovechkin

chal Neuirth are injured.

While they may return in time for the playoffs, Boston may end up facing minor league goaltender Braden Holtby. If the Bruins can concentrate on Ovechkin and Holtby, there is no reason they cannot take this series in five or six games.

**#3 Florida Panthers (38-26-18) vs. #6 New Jersey Devils (48-28-6):** The Devils lucked out on drawing the Panthers for the first round.

Not to take any credit away from the Panthers, who are making their first trip to the playoffs in a decade, but honestly, Florida is a team that squeaked its way into the playoffs using "Bettman points" (the nickname given by fans to the point gained from an overtime loss) and only secured the #3 seed by winning the very weak Southeast Division.

All the Devils need is for star winger Ilya Kovalchuk and veteran goalie Martin Brodeur to show up for this series and they can easily take it in a sweep. But I'll give Florida some credit and give my official prediction as New Jersey in five games.

**#4 Pittsburgh Penguins (51-25-6) vs. #5 Philadelphia Flyers (47-26-9):** With the exception of the Stanley Cup Final itself, this might be the

burgh's assistant coach. The fight was followed up with fines for both coaches and public remarks by Philly's assistant coach slamming the Pittsburgh organization.

This series will be a bloodbath between two teams that truly hate each other. While Philly took the season 4-2, it

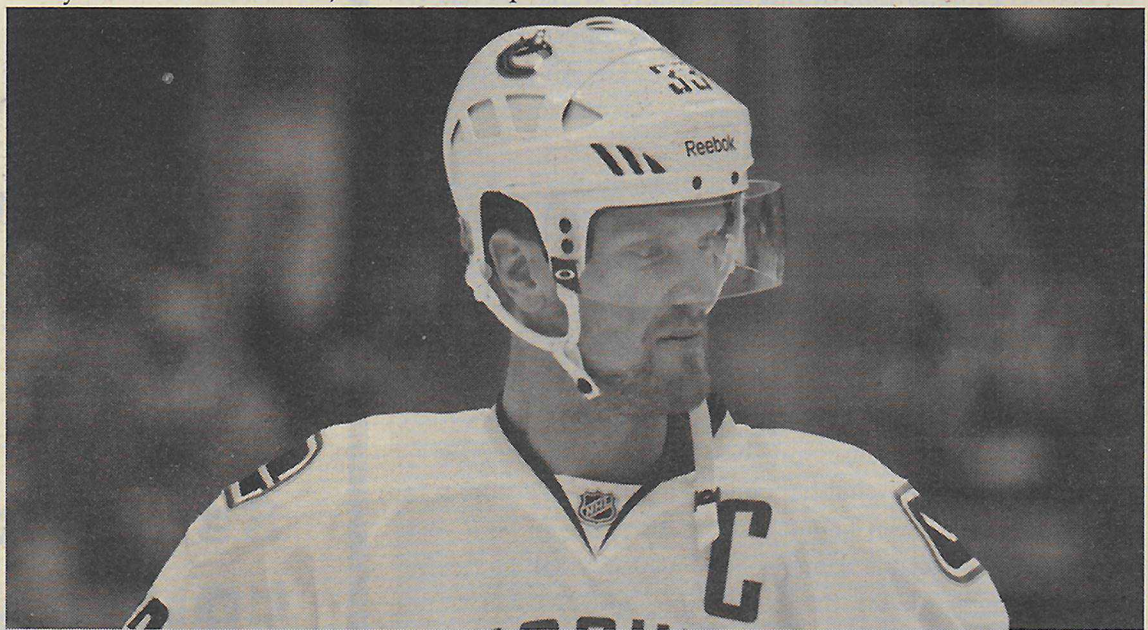


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Vancouver Canucks center Henrik Sedin led the NHL in assists (67) for the third consecutive season. He will look to take the Canucks back to the Stanley Cup.

is no indication of what the post season will bring. Run and gun offense and chippy play will define this series, in which the only certainty seems to be that it will go seven games.

Pittsburgh will probably pull it out, but may be too worn out from the emotional series to make a serious push

While the Blues have had a tremendous season and are shaping up to be a force to be reckoned with in the future, this year is not their year.

They have won four out of 10 games coming into the playoffs, while San Jose has won four straight in a desperate race for the final two spots in the conference. With Stan-

Detroit has been in somewhat of a funk lately, and the Predators seem hungrier this year than ever before. This is the first season in the history of the franchise the Stanley Cup seems to be a possibility.

All Star goalie Pekka Rinne will backstop Nashville's offense to a seven game victory over Detroit.



# Why the Tampa Bay Rays have the deadliest rotation in the AL

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Remember back in the day when you and your pals would joke and poke fun at lowly sports franchises like the Tampa Bay Rays? Maybe that was just me, but either way those days are over as Joe Madden's club have become one of the biggest play-off hopefuls for the 2012 MLB season, in large part due to their deadly rotation of hurlers.

While then-Tampa Bay Devil Rays were out losing game after game and becoming the brunt of many jokes around sports bars, their minor league system was getting ready to wow the majors with names like David Price, Jeremy Hellickson and Matt Moore.

Paired together with late-blooming star James Shields and a less-than-intimidating American League East, you've got the recipe for a dominant season on the mound for this rotation.

Hellickson came into the league with huge hype, and boy did he live up to it, boast-

ing a 2.95 ERA and 117 strikeouts in his first major league season. His impressive first season earned him the 2011 American League Rookie of

the Year award. Price has been the ace in Tampa for a few seasons now, quickly becoming one of the best strikeout pitchers among starters in the AL.

a 2011 to forget last year.

Regardless of Shields' up and down ERA from year to year, he's always been a shoe-in for double-digit victories

which were career bests for Shields.

Which brings me to Matt Moore, or as some would call him, Hellickson 2.0. Moore has yet to make his first MLB start of the new year, but like Hellickson, he is coming in with huge hype. The newest addition to the Rays lineup tore up the minor leagues, posting an ERA of 1.92 last year during his time in Double and Triple-A. He also appeared in three games for Tampa last year, holding batters to a 2.89 ERA with 15 strikeouts in only a handful of innings.

You can talk about Justin Verlander out in Detroit, you can speculate on what the New York Yankees might have one Michael Pineda is healthy and Andy Pettite is back, but there is no other rotation in all the American League that can hold a candle to what the Rays have been able to put together on their campaign towards the World Series trophy this season.

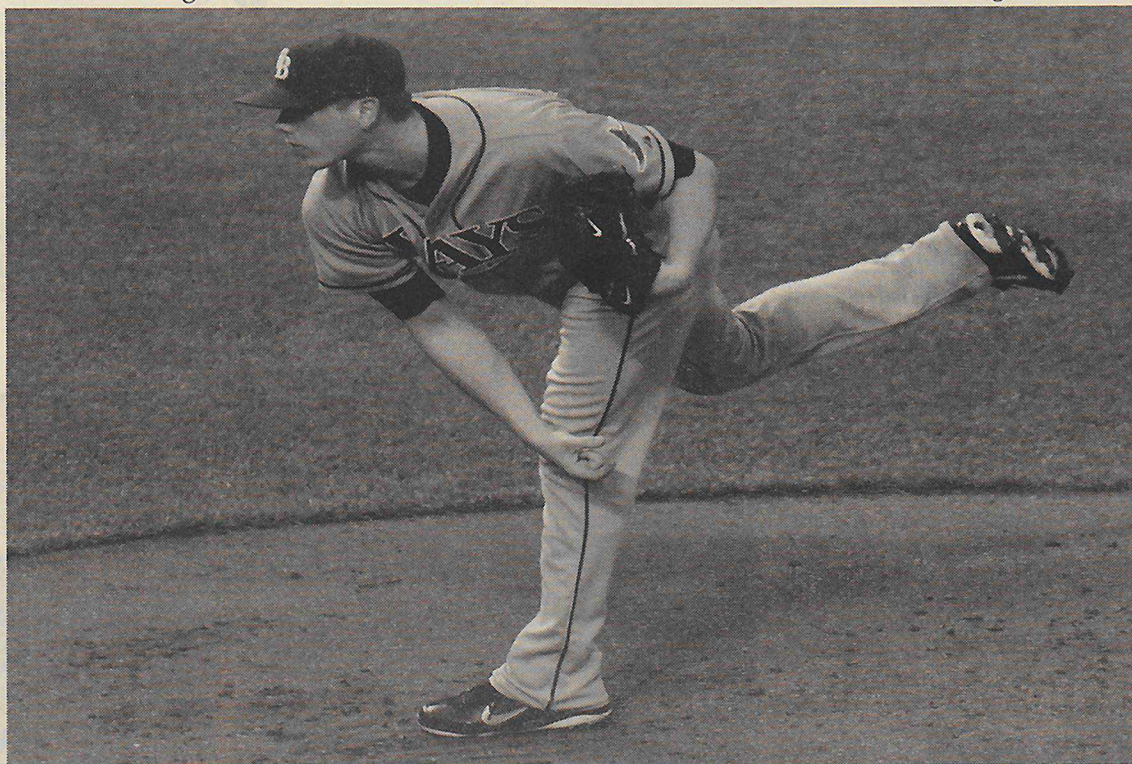


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Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Jeremy Hellickson was named American League Rookie of the Year following the 2011 season. He finished last season with a 13-10 record and a 2.95 ERA, and he will look to continue that success this year.

the Year award.

Price and Shields are the veteran anchors of this relatively young staff, with a combined ten major league seasons under their belt. Price

While the Tennessee native is coming off a down year statistically, with an improved offense and rotation to ease the weight on his shoulders, Price can easily rebound from

during his career, posting five during his six years in the big leagues. The veteran is coming off his best year ever, with an ERA of 2.82, 225 strikeouts and 16 victories in 2011, all of

## "Superman" goes from hero to villain

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A transformation took place this week in the NBA. It wasn't a young no-name player morphing into a star before our eyes à la Jeremy Lin, and it wasn't a veteran player realizing that their time as an elite player in the league may be coming to an end, à la Ray Allen.

The situation I'm referring to is Dwight Howard, who went from an all-around good guy, to an arrogant, self-centered individual seemingly overnight.

On Thursday, Orlando Magic Head Coach Stan Van Gundy found out through team sources that a player on the team requested for him to be fired. The player who made that request? "Superman" himself, Dwight Howard.

It's no secret that Howard has wanted out of Orlando for most of this season, publicly demanding a trade to the New Jersey Nets, and then later retracting that statement.

Superstars always seem

to request trades when their teams aren't doing well because they all want to win a championship, and there

head coach is fired is not OK.

Dwight Howard is known for being one of the nicest guys in the NBA, though win-

percentage and free throw attempts, but he has not been able to bring a championship to Orlando since he became a

of attitude and arrogance.

Orlando Magic fans have not been happy either, as they have booed the player recently at home games.

I know that Dwight Howard is one of the elite players in the NBA, but that still does not excuse him for his actions. A star player has no right to try and dictate who their coach is, as their one goal should be the same year in and year out—to win a championship for their respective team.

If Orlando Magic General Manager Otis Smith and Stan Van Gundy were smart, they would make trading Dwight Howard their top priority this offseason.

If he does get traded, the Magic should get a lot in return.

My not-so-bold prediction? If they don't rid themselves of the NBA's newest villain, they will be doomed to forever be a mediocre team and they will never win a championship.



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is obviously nothing wrong with wanting to win because championships define a players' legacy. But a player that goes to the front office of their team and request that the

ning championships has apparently been his kryptonite.

The six-time All-Star has ranked consistently as one of the best in the league in rebounds, blocks, field goal

member of their team in 2004.

When Howard chose to walk into the Magic front office and tell them to fire Stan Van Gundy, he went from zero to LeBron James in terms



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## Men's tennis remain undefeated at 7-0

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So much for a down year. The defending champion Suffolk men's tennis team went into this year losing some crucial starters, but they remain perfect halfway through this season. At the mid season mark, the Rams have proven why they are the best and still the top team to beat with a 7-0 record.

The Rams have proven to be the dominant team in their conference, and the biggest question is whether or not they will finish with a perfect record.

With only one more conference game left, Suffolk looks like they will be able to easily compete in their Great Northeast Athletic Conference postseason. Suffolk has had only one close call against UMass Boston, pulling out a 5-4 victory on April 5.

On Saturday, Suffolk defeated Norwich 7-2 and the team won all of their doubles to cap off a solid victory. After that trip to Vermont, the Rams came back home to face

Salem State on Monday, and they defeated the Vikings 8-1.

All of the players on the team have contributed to the team's success so far this season. Sophomore Albert Buruga is 5-0 overall in singles play, and sophomore Vassili Stroganov and senior Harlan Strader are both 4-0.

Sophomore Aaron Lau is 4-1 in singles play so far this season.

In doubles play action, Buruga and Strader are 3-1 overall, and Lau and senior Christopher Staley are 2-0 overall.

Head Coach Steve Counihan has had the team prepared in all of their matches this season, and it looks like they have more than enough potential to capture their fourth consecutive championship.

Suffolk takes on Bridgewater State University Thursday, and then they head to Rhode Island Saturday to face off against Johnson & Wales. The team only has five regular season matches left, and three of them are at home.



Photo courtesy of Albert Buruga

Members of the Suffolk University men's tennis team pose after their match against Norwich University in Vermont on Saturday.

## Men's baseball team building momentum

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With more than half of the season in the books, the Suffolk University men's baseball team find themselves at an 8-15 mark, but they are slowly getting the boost they need.

Since the beginning of April, the Rams have posted a 3-4 record, but have won three out of their last four games versus Roger Williams, and a sweep of Lasell in a double-header this past weekend.

The Rams started April off with the joke on them, dropping a double-header to a very strong St. Joseph's team out of Maine.

The first game was no contest as St. Joseph's blew out Suffolk 14-2 with Mitch Monke picking up the loss, going four-and-a-third innings, surrendering nine earned runs. Chris Stanley picked up the only RBI for Suffolk as they picked up two

runs in the final inning, one coming on an error by St. Joseph's shortstop.

Game two was a much closer battle as Suffolk fell in the end by a final score of 4-2.

Scoring started early as St. Joseph's was able to tally two runs in the top of the first, with Suffolk answering with a run of their own in the bottom half of the inning.

The Rams then tied it up in the bottom of the fifth when Devan Jones scored from third on a wild pitch.

Unfortunately in the top of the eighth, Jhonneris Mendez, in for relief of starter Josh Desai, allowed two runs on a single.

Suffolk stranded a runner in the bottom of the eighth and could not answer St. Joseph's, resulting in a 4-2 final.

Josh Desai got the no decision for the Rams as he went six innings, allowing two runs and striking out seven.

Next, the team traveled to Fitchburg State University for

a meeting that saw the Rams let another close game slip away.

Tim Belanger took the hill for Suffolk and went six and a third innings, allowing seven earned runs on 12 hits, striking out six.

Offensively, center fielder Jhonneris Mendez lead the way going 4-5 on the day with an RBI and scoring two runs. Devan Jones and Mike Muse also had two hits and one RBI, respectively.

Both teams went back and forth on the scoreboard, as 13 runs were scored collectively between the two teams from the second to seventh inning.

In the ninth, Suffolk found itself down by one, and could not plate a run to send it into extra innings.

The first of three wins in a row came versus Roger Williams, as the Rams took home a 5-2 victory.

Steve Chamberlain picked up his first win of the year, as he threw six innings, allow-

ing two runs on five hits, with four K's.

Jake Cintolo went 2-4 with two doubles, and Devan Jones drove in two Ram baserunners as Suffolk picked up its first win since dropping six straight.

In conference action last weekend versus Lasell, Suffolk was able to extend its win-streak to three as they picked up victories in two afternoon games.

Josh Desai threw six solid innings, giving up two earned runs (4 un-earned) while fanning eight Lasell batters.

Suffolk scored seven runs on 10 hits, including two from Devan Jones and Chris Stanley, and three from Jake Cintolo.

Chris Stanley led the way with three RBI, with Mike Muse driving in two. Also, Devan Jones went deep for the Rams with a solo home run. Suffolk won by a final of 7-6.

In game two, starting

pitcher Jhonneris Mendez stole the show as he was one walk shy of a perfect game, but did pick up the no-hitter.

Mendez went all seven innings, allowing no hits on no runs, with double-digit strikeouts at 10.

Offensively, RBI's from Mike Muse, Chris Stanley, and Mike Cunningham were more than enough for Mendez as Suffolk defeated Lasell by a score of 3-0.

The Rams will play a double-header against Emerson today at Adams field in Quincy. Game one will be played at 2 p.m., and game two will be played at 4:30 p.m.

The team will then play two double-headers this weekend. Suffolk plays two games against Albertus Magnus on Saturday and then travel to Johnson and Wales. two games against Johnson & Wales on Sunday.